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AUG 28 2020

Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe St.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Re: Completeness Determination for State of Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a CWA
Section 404 Program

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 has concluded a completeness review of your request for the State of Florida to assume administration of a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 program. The EPA received your request on August 20, 2020. All the program submission elements required by 40 C.F.R. § 233.10 were included as follows:

- Governor's Letter
- Program Description
- Statement from Justin G. Wolfe, General Counsel for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
- Memorandum of Agreement with the EPA Region 4 Administrator
- Memorandum of Agreement with the Secretary of the Army
- Applicable State Statutes and Regulations

Our review indicates that the program submission is complete. The EPA has 120 days from receipt of the complete program submission to approve or disapprove the program based on whether Florida's program fulfills the requirements of the CWA, including its implementing regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 233, taking into consideration all comments received. Please be advised that this program submission completeness determination does not constitute an evaluation of the merits of the submission. If we find that additional information is necessary to evaluate the submission, we will request the information.

We appreciate the significant effort by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in developing this programmatic submission and its coordination with the Secretary of the Army and Region 4 in developing the Memorandums of Agreement that were enclosed with your letter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (404) 562-8357 or have a member of your staff contact Ms. Jeanne M. Gettle, Director of the Water Division at (404) 562-9345.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Walker', written over a horizontal line.

Mary S. Walker
Regional Administrator

cc: The Honorable Noah Valenstein, Secretary, FDEP

Mr. John Truitt, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs, FDEP